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**SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft Tracy Permit Amendments for the City of Tracy
Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Dear Mr. Marshall:

As a preliminary matter, the City of Tracy (City) greatly appreciates the ability to review and comment on the draft tentative permit amendments in Order No. R5-2010-XXXX, amending waste discharge requirements Order No. R5-2007-0036 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079154) (Permit) for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

These comments can generally be summarized as follows:

- 1) The City appreciates that changes being made to the permit to effectuate the settlement agreement terms.
- 2) Although the City believes that many of the permit terms could be streamlined by removing provisions that have expired or are no longer applicable, we understand that the Regional Board may want to contain these changes to only those required at this time. Along this line, the City contains its comments to those changes being proposed and does not waive any comments on other provisions of the permit not being changed at this time.
- 3) The City believes that the proposed aluminum effluent limitations are appropriate, and supports the comments of the Central Valley Clean Water Association on this point.
- 4) The proposed amendments included some symbols that appear to be incorrect included in the formatting. For example, there is a □ instead of a μ symbol on page F-33 of the Fact Sheet. These formatting errors should be corrected in the final version.

The City appreciates this opportunity to provide the above comments in support of the permit amendments and believes that these amendments should be able to be on the consent item calendar.



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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Bayley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Bayley" clearly distinguishable.

Steven G. Bayley
Deputy Director of Public Works